

**Block Island Housing Board
Thursday, March 10, 2011
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Cindy Pappas, Debbie Howarth, Fraser Lang, Dan Barker and Gerry Riker.

Not Present: Patty Murphy and John Spier

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes Jan. 13, 2011, subcom, and February 10, open and closed.

A motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Gerry Riker to approve all minutes as written.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Barker and Riker) Nays 0 Absent: 2 (Murphy, Spier)

Correspondence/Public Input

None

Finance Report

(See attached) Motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Dan Barker to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Barker and Riker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Murphy, Spier)

The clerk reported on collections of \$74,381.53

The clerk's salary of \$6,240 was approved in a motion by Dan Barker and seconded by Fraser Lang.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Barker and Riker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Murphy, Spier)

The Blish and Cavanagh bill for \$104.00 was discussed and the amounts put in their proper categories. A motion was made by Dan Barker and seconded by Fraser Lang to pay the bill.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Barker and Riker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Murphy, Spier)

The Block Island Times bill for advertising was approved in a motion by Dan Barker and seconded by Gerry Riker.

Fraser Lang recused himself from this vote.

Ayes 4 (Pappas, Howarth, Barker, Riker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Murphy, Spier) Recusal 1 (Lang)

Jacke property update; Subcommittee reports

Cindy Pappas reported that Joe Sprague was starting the road construction. The Building Subcommittee needs to work on construction bids. John Spier forwarded a checklist to consider when coming up with prices for the houses.

The attached letter will be sent by the Clerk to Champlin Road people.

Eligibility

Cindy Pappas began a discussion about housing counting in the 10% affordable statistics if no state or federal funding was involved. There was a discussion about monitoring and fair housing laws. The Town Council needs to decide whether the 10% is something they want to opt in or out of. The Town would pay ½ of the legal bill to have Bill Landry research this issue. The Town Council needs to hear from the Housing Board about which direction to take.

It was suggested that Cindy Valenti from Washington Trust be contacted about financial counseling in lieu of the class from Rhode Island Housing.

Clerk will try to find info on ethnic diversity from the 2010 census.

Foundation Bids

These bids are due back on March 31, 2011. There will be a meeting scheduled for March 31, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. to open and award these bids. This meeting will also be for preparation of recommendations to the Town Council.

With no further business to discuss and no business for closed session a motion was made by Fraser Lang and seconded by Dan Barker to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan